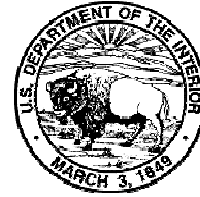


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# News Release



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### **Sutter National Wildlife Refuge Opens New Trails for the Public**

A new opportunity for photography and wildlife observation will be available at the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge April through June. Over six miles of new walking trails will be accessible to the public. This area can be accessed free of charge from the parking area ½ mile north of the west end of O'Banion Road. The parking area is on the east side of the east Sutter Bypass levee.

Until now, Sutter has only provided public waterfowl hunting three days a week during the winter. This area opens in accordance to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex's Comprehensive Conservation Plan to provide visitors with opportunities to enhance public appreciation, understanding, and enjoyment of wildlife and habitats.

The area is comprised primarily of managed seasonal wetlands and riparian forest. These habitats are used by a variety of resident and migratory birds such as yellow-rumped warbler, herons and egrets, white-faced ibis, Bullock's oriole, and the western yellow-billed cuckoo (a state-listed threatened species and a candidate for federal listing). The majority of the Refuge is located within the Sutter Bypass, of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project, an area dedicated to flood water conveyance.

Visitors are asked to register upon arrival so that Refuge staff may evaluate and improve this new program. From the parking area, the mowed and gravel trails can be accessed by foot only. Due to some trail areas with uneven surface, walking boots are recommended. Dogs on leashes are also welcome. As the water in seasonal marshes is drawn down for habitat management during the summer, water depths will slowly recede, allowing for a flush of new plant growth.

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